



Exceptional Journalism Honored in 2023 College Better Newspaper Contest

Members of the Pennsylvania Press Association reviewed 567 entries submitted by 19 Michigan college newspapers this year and selected three college newspapers for creating great journalism.

The 2023 “College Newspaper of the Year” award is presented to the top college newspapers in three divisions based on points accumulated (100 for first, 70 for second and 40 for third) in all editorial contest categories (categories 1-13). Winners of those awards are:

Division	College Newspaper
Division 1	Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo
Division 2	Michigan State University/ The State News
Division 3	Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate

Division 1 - Newspapers publishing more than weekly.

Division 2 - Newspapers publishing weekly.

Division 3 - Two-year college publications or newspapers publishing less than weekly.

"It is more important than ever to recognize and encourage good, impactful journalism. That is what our college newspapers are doing, and with support and recognition from contests and professionals in the field, that will continue. Our experienced faculty and advisors will see to it as well," said Joanne Williams, associate professor of journalism and mass communication at Olivet College and MCPA president.

The 2024 MPA/MCPA College Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2024.

Best News-Only Photo

Open Call - Best News-Only Photo

25 Entries

First Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Dean of Men in battle, A1

Jack Cote

Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Flowers rest at the foot of the Spartan statue

Chloe Trofatter

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Raw emotion

Nate Pappas

Best Photographer

Open Call - Best Photographer

12 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Chloe Trofatter

Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

Katherine Warden

Third Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

Lexi Greenwood

Best Sports Photo

Open Call - Best Sports Photo

28 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Spartans out of NCAA Tournament

Audrey Richardson

Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

No Escape

Nico Mendoza

Third Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

Rising to the Top

Summer Sultana

Best Writer

Division 1 - Best Writer

3 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**

Cameryn Cass

Second Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Marie White

Third Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Aaron Hughes

Division 2 - Best Writer

15 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Alex Walters

Second Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Maggie Hroncich

Third Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Elizabeth Troutman

Honorable Mention **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Amalia Medina

Division 3 - Best Writer

12 Entries

First Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

Kathryn Wenske

Second Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Sophie Deiters

Third Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

Mallory Stiles

Honorable Mention **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

Will Johnson

Column- Review or Blog- News

Division 1 - Column- Review or Blog- News

14 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**

Walking through change

Sierra Moore

Second Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**

The Great Lakes live in my soul

Abigail Comar

Third Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**

A Missouri girl's take on Michigan summers

Elaine Mallon

Honorable Mention **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Opinion: Black artists long owed their recognition

Aaron Hughes

Division 2 - Column- Review or Blog- News

24 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Being sexually assaulted was awful. Reporting to MSU might have made it worse

Miranda Dunlap

Second Place **Albion College/ The Pleiad**

Opinion: On Guns and Gays & Queer Folk Are Taking Up

Arms, Rightfully So

Juan Rodriguez

Third Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

COLUMN: There's no book on how to be editor-in-chief during a mass shooting

Sa'Mya Overall

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

My 2023 twist on the summer bucket list

Lauren Rice

Division 3 - Column- Review or Blog- News

25 Entries

First Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

My maple of memories

Mackenzie Davis

Second Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

Saginaw's Temple Theatre glows with Grammy-winner Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit

Emily Doyle

Third Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

An apology from Gen X on racism

Misty Barron

Honorable Mention **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

I stole David Sedaris's chair at his book signing

Brandon Smith

Column- Review or Blog- Sports

Division 2 - Column- Review or Blog- Sports

6 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Why are you just now paying attention?

Kaia Zimmerman

Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

COLUMN: Why Tom Izzo's words are so comforting for grieving Spartans

Sam Sklar

Third Place **Albion College/ The Pleiad**

Opinion: After Protesting Pride Night, Ivan Provorov Should be Held Accountable

Sophia Perrault

Honorable Mention **Albion College/ The Pleiad**

Opinion: Miguel Cabrera's Retirement Announcement a Bittersweet End to Legendary Career

Gabriel Peraino

Division 3 - Column- Review or Blog- Sports

8 Entries

First Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

Will The Detroit Pistons Ever Get Beyond Rebuilding?

Anthony Stone

Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

Looking Back at the Lions Exciting Season and Prospects for Next Season

Anthony Stone

Third Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Losing without Dignity: How the postgame scuffle in the Michigan vs MSU game took away from the actual game

Pierson VanGorp

Honorable Mention **Lansing Community College/ Lookout**

Jayden's Journal: Does seeding matter?

Jayden Hewitt

Editorial

Division 1 - Editorial

2 Entries

First Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

From The Daily: President Ono's appointment is an opportunity for positive change

The Michigan Daily Editorial Board

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

From The Daily: How should we let ChatGPT change education?

The Michigan Daily Editorial Board

Division 2 - Editorial

13 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

EDITORIAL: We're not going to class Monday

State News staff

Second Place **Albion College/ The Pleiad**

Pleiad Editorial: Our Thoughts Following the Michigan State Shooting

Pleiad Staff

Third Place

Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn

Editorial: Candidates' concessions do not merit our respect

Staff

Honorable Mention **Calvin College/Chimes**

Funding for the liberal arts is out there; administration needs to find it.

Kipp De Man

Division 3 - Editorial

9 Entries

First Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Editorial: West Michigan needs to take a stand against gun violence

Sophie Deiters

Second Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

It is time for a makeover on law enforcement training

Noah Brasseur

Third Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Restaurant employees raise delayed, again

Shane Madden

Feature Photo

Division 2 - Feature Photo

16 Entries

First Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Boy with Easter bunny masthead photo

Jack Cote

Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Cowboy up

Caroline Sharbaugh

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

In her 'Era'

Marie Underwood

Division 3 - Feature Photo

17 Entries

First Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

Lansing Lights Up

Julie Newell

Second Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

Chocolate Affair

Onnie Stone

Third Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

Crowd gathers around burning viking ship at Michigan Nordic Festival

Katherine Warden

Honorable Mention **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

Race to College

Onnie Stone

Feature Story

Division 1 - Feature Story

18 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**

Michigan's Magnet Man attracts river trash

Vladislava Sukhanovskaya

Second Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**

Exploring Lake Huron sinkholes may help find life on other planets

Daniel Schoenherr

Third Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**
Woof, there it is: A spotted lanternfly
 Genevieve Fox

Division 2 - Feature Story

38 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
'Work through the failure of it': A day inside MSU's horsemanship class

Hannah Woehrl

Second Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Mystery solved: Professor confirms Arb fossil legend

Maggie Hroncich

Third Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Meet the localvores of Hillsdale County

Carly Moran

Honorable Mention **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Allen couple celebrates 80 years of marriage

Joshua Newhook

Feature Story

Division 3 - Feature Story

31 Entries

First Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Becoming African American - A personal narrative

Anane Badom

Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

The Transformative Power of the Schvitz

Jay Elias

Third Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

You Betta Work! Campus Drag Show Displays How Self Expression

Strengthens Identity and Yields Personal Growth

Ashley Davis

Honorable Mention **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

Power of Words

Ben Bolstrum

Front Page Design

Division 1 - Front Page Design

4 Entries

First Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Lecturers rally for a new contract

Kasey Deschler

Second Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Student Government Elections

Kasey Deschler

Third Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

River Day

Marq Stafford

Honorable Mention **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Halloween edition

Marq Stafford

Marq Stafford

Division 2 - Front Page Design

12 Entries

First Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

April 13, 2023 A1

Maddy Welsh

Second Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Photography students made aware of sudden faculty change

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November 10, 2022 A1

Elizabeth Troutman

Third Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

Students reflect on MSU tragedy

Marissa Russell

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Central Michigan Life orientation guide

Caroline Sharbaugh, Nico Mendoza

Division 3 - Front Page Design

11 Entries

First Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Collegiate Magazine

Sophie Deiters, Megan Matthews, Alena Visnovsky

Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

School to Prison Pipeline

Edgar Gutierrez

Third Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

Improvements to Henry Ford College Eshleman Library

Edgar Gutierrez

Honorable Mention **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

Henry Ford College Men's Basketball Championship Season

Samuel Marsh

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Investigative Reporting

Division 1 - Investigative Reporting

4 Entries

First Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

Former employees allege hostile work environment, unethical business practices at Cannelle Bakeries

Sophia Lehrbaum, Noah Lusk

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Second Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Loss of parking structure spots fuels student commuter complaints

Marie White

Third Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

Nursing professor placed on leave amid misconduct allegations

Julian Wray

Division 2 - Investigative Reporting

12 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Assurance of Insurance series

Zipporah Abarca, Masha Smahliuk

Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

You are not alone series

Aurora Rae Abraham, Patrick Bouman, Zipporah Abarca, Masha Smahliuk, Nate Pappas, Caroline Sharbaugh, Madelyn Kerbyson

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Third Place **Albion College/ The Pleiad**

Investigative Albion Water Quality Series

Bonnie Lord

Honorable Mention **Calvin College/Chimes**

Calvin is hiring more new teachers, but fewer tenure-track faculty

Katie Rosendale

Division 3 - Investigative Reporting

9 Entries

First Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

MCCC president's response to bomb threat has been questioned

David Topolewski, Megan Kane

Second Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Photography students made aware of sudden faculty change

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Blace Carpenter, Shane Madden

Third Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
The MacKenzie Fine Arts Center Elevator Breaks Down

Katherine Warden

Honorable Mention **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Ousted ODEI Director calls out GRRC for 'scrubbing' her from website

Blace Carpenter, Shane Madden

Multimedia Reporting

Open Call - Multimedia Reporting

18 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**
Perennial grains: great for beer, bread and the fight against climate change

Jake Christie, Cassidy Hough

Second Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**
'It's changing everybody' - How social media is impacting students at GRCC

Sophie Deiters

Third Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

Rocky Horror Picture Show shadow cast: Transylvanian Twists

Heather Kittle, Courtney Elisech

News Story

Division 1 - News Story

19 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/Capital News Service**
'Cooling off' period proposed for lawmakers to become lobbyists

Dan Netter

Second Place **Michigan State University/Capital News Service**
Addressing disability complaints a top priority for Civil Rights Department

Jack Harrison

Third Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**
New NASA satellite helps scientists understand Great Lakes

Jack Armstrong

Honorable Mention **Michigan State University/ Capital News Service**

Here's the scoop on Michigan pet waste removal

Samuel Blatchford

Division 2 - News Story

55 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
'Three minutes can change so much': Berkey Hall professor reflects on grief, return to class following shooting

Amalia Medina

Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
MSU healing fund denies assistance to male Nassar survivor

Alex Walters

Third Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
MSU Dean of Students resigned after drunken misconduct, records show

Alex Walters

Honorable Mention **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
City restores power to most customers after outage

Logan Washburn

Division 3 - News Story

23 Entries

First Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**
Six years on, coast-to-coast has been derailed

Noah Brasseur

Second Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**
GRCC Students Report High Satisfaction With Academic Advising, But Getting In Is The Problem

Brandon Smith

Third Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
Uptick in Respiratory Syncytial Virus a major concern

Mallory Stiles

Non-Front Page Design

Division 1 - Non-Front Page Design

2 Entries

First Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**
Valentine's Day News

Kasey Deschler

Second Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**
Sports: Eagles soar

Kasey Deschler, Blake McQueary

Division 2 - Non-Front Page Design

14 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
37 Words

Caroline Sharbaugh

Second Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Woman to woman

Sienna Parmelee

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Part of his world

Caroline Sharbaugh, Ella Miller, Akilah Sannidhi

Honorable Mention **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Features page April 27, 2023

Meghan Schultz

Division 3 - Non-Front Page Design

9 Entries

First Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**
Grave Digger

Sasha Spearman

Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
Detroit Riverwalk Wins USA Today Best Riverwalk for Third Straight Year

Zynab Al-Timimi

Third Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**
Eloise Asylum

Sasha Spearman, Izabella Allie

Honorable Mention **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

Sports page - non-front design

Julie Newell

Online Newspaper

Open Call - Online Newspaper

7 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
The State News

State News staff

Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

The Mirror News Online
Staff
Third Place
Online Newspaper Submission
Pleaid Staff

Albion College/ The Pleiad

Late touchdown lifts GV football over Ferris on the road
Brian Bloom
Honorable Mention
**Michigan State University/
The State News**
*'Being quiet doesn't help anybody': Jagger Joshua speaks out after
being called racial slurs by Ohio State player*
Maddy Warren

Original Cartoon-Editorial or Entertainment

Open Call - Original Cartoon-Editorial or Entertainment
7 Entries
First Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**
Rylee Curley Artist
Rylee Curley
Second Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**
Cartoons by Abby Haywood
Abby Haywood
Third Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
Hawkster overwhelmed with school and campus activities
Samuel Marsh

Division 3 - Sports News/Features
11 Entries
First Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**
Dismantling Stigmas
Kathryn Wenske
Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
Henry Ford College Men's Basketball Championship Season
Anthony Stone
Third Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**
*Scuffle between GRCC and Glen Oaks Community College
basketball teams leads to investigation*
Pierson VanGorp
Honorable Mention **Lansing Community College/
The Lookout**
Top five women recall what it's like to win national title
Julie Newell

Single Ad

Open Call - Single Ad
1 Entries
First Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**
We are hiring
Kathryn Wenske

Special Advertising Section

Open Call - Special Advertising Section
2 Entries
First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
2023 Best of Mount Pleasant Special Section
Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
Henry Ford II Honors Program Opens New Hub
Alayna Kondraciuk

Sports News/Features

Division 1 - Sports News/Features
3 Entries
First Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**
Daiquan White: Born a dawg
Blake McQueary
Second Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**
*From tumbling to trending: EMU cheerleader gains 2.4 million views
on recent TikTok*
Mackenzie Thompson
Third Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**
Makhail Wood: A Record-Breaking Talent
Blake McQueary

Division 2 - Sports News/Features
29 Entries
First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Tradition rolls on
Megan Youngblood
Second Place **Grand Valley State University/ Grand
Valley Lanthorn**
GV Baton Twirler joins TEAM USA for international championship
Hailey Hentz
Third Place **Grand Valley State University/
Grand Valley Lanthorn**